

DRESS OF THE DUDE

The Loud Blazer Will Not Be Seen This Summer

NATTY YACHTING OUTFITS

Shows Not in Favor of Outing Suits. The Styles for Racket and Tennis at Tuxedo.

Outing suits of all kinds have undergone a most remarkable change since last summer. The effort this year is to combine use with ornament, and, as a result, the man of fashion, when he is engaged in all his summer glory, will look comfortable, to say the least. A young tennis court presented a very unusual appearance with its loud blazer and enormously long trousers, but, thanks to some one with progressive ideas, the time for loud and worn-looking blazers has passed. The blazer of 1911 is a neat, unobtrusive affair, and the button belt has supplanted the fussy one. The blazer is cut single-breasted, showing with four buttons. The material is serge, cotton or flannel. White is the preferred color, and it is shown either plain or as a ground on which thin horizontal stripes of another color are woven. Trousers are of white flannel, and are made loose and comfortable and long enough to afford ample



TWO TENNIS OUTFITS.

material for a turn up at the bottom. Fine duck trousers are worn this season for all outdoor sports, although flannel will continue to hold its own on the tennis court. The leather belt is in a variety of colors and leathers. These also show the solid broad band and the narrow divided belt with rings. The buckles and trimmings are in nickel or are covered with leather to match the belt. The tennis shirt is the negligee for hot weather and the last-minute negligee for hot weather is in the court.

The get-up of the tournament champion and that of the ordinary fashionable player are entirely different, for the former enters the field for work, the latter for recreation. Therefore, it is not necessary to ape the style of the big players. It would manifestly be the height of bad taste to step into the court with the sleeves rolled up and the buttons showing the marks of rough usage. Outside of the partial formality to be observed wherever ladies are present, summer dress is based primarily upon the rules of comfort. For general everyday wear in this country there has been introduced a flannel suit, with trousers to match the coat. This suit is generally white, the stripes being small and neat.

The favorite neckwear for the tennis field and general country wear will be the bow or four-in-hand. The former, as well as the latter, should be tied by hand. These scarfs are made up in twills and other light silken and washing fabrics. The tie should always be in tone with the color of the suit.

As to headgear, the straw hat—that with low crown and wide brim—will be worn almost all the time, except upon the yacht. The fed, which was so common last year, of wearing yachting caps upon all occasions is passed. It was never good form, and was mainly indulged in by that great mass of men



YACHTING AND FLANNEL "OUTING" SUITS.

who follow the dictates of popular custom rather than of good taste. Yachting caps will hereafter stay in their proper field. The shapes are set by the prominent clubs, and are generally determined by the bill of dress, rather than by any set fashion.

For wear about the yacht club and about the yacht, the well-dressed gentleman is generally attired in such garments as the regulations of his club command. The cash has been dropped by the upper ten, but it finds favor with the masses. So far this season there is considerable demand for it, but that demand cannot be construed to mean anything with the well-dressed man, who has taken up the belt with an avidity that bespeaks its favor with fashionable circles for at least.

The summer receptions where the occasion is not strictly formal a Tuxedo coat will be much worn. I was chatting with a Fifth Avenue tailor the other day, and he told me that every fashionable establishment on the avenue was rushed with work for the summer. The tail seems to be cutting suits, and men who never before thought of wearing anything beyond the conventional Scotch or English light suit are now going in for the most fashionable of outing suits. I was told that Col. William Jay and President

Lawrence have each given orders for a couple of sets of double-breasted suits of corduroy and leather. They will appear in them at the outdoor house show which is to be the event of the coming week at the Manhattan Athletic club grounds. Among other fine suits to be seen at this affair will be the outing garments of the hunting class. H. L. Herbert, F. Gray Griswold, S. S. Howland, John E. Cowdin, Charles D. Freeman and F. B. Clyde are the men who will look well in the very rough garments which they have ordered. They will all wear the colors of their clubs.

Another bright feature of the show will be the appearance in fine fitting serge outing garments of the New York Tuxedo club. In this class Benjamin W. Rives, B. E. Bloodgood and W. Seward Webb will shine resplendent. I am told, moreover, that a fine driving outfit made by an English tailor will adorn the form of Dr. Webb when he will be seen behind his magnificent pair of hackneys for the first time this season.

The informal shirt of summer will be the fancy percale with white collar. The cuffs are cut link, and should be rather large with the buttons at least an inch from the top. The most popular percale blouse shows stripes in groups or in widely spaced effects. The best shirts of fine Madras and Oxford will be made with ironed collars and cuffs. The moderately high banded turn-down collar is the best, and the cuffs should be cut like those for a percale shirt. In collars the best standard; the heights are rather over the medium. In shirt selections, where colors are to be considered, the prevailing demand is for the quiet effects, even more so than formerly.

How many summer suits should the man of fashion order?

The tailor smiled when I put the question to him, for his orders were as different as his customers were numerous. "For instance," said he, "young Mr. Mackay wears ten gray loose-fitting outing suits during the summer and they are all made differently and yet each fits his stocky form. His riding suit is made of corduroy with a tight-fitting gray flannel jacket out of which the silk shirt shows its rounded collar. His tennis suits are made of very quiet patterns and look very much like ordinary suits cut for business except that they are all in flannel effects."

The Tuxedo set has made quite a hit by requesting all of the racket and tennis enthusiasts to appear in thin striped blue and gray suits. The effect promises to be startling in some cases.

The Golf club at Southampton, L. I., has also ordered its players to don a uniform attire. So during the summer the fashionable men who go wild over "tees" will appear in dark gray leggings of any strong cloth, with sack coats of the same color, the entire suit made particularly for "tees" rather than for long wear.

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